



**IN THE  
UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**IN RE APPLICATION OF:** BRAVEN, Helen, KEAY, Russell,  
and FLOWER, Stephen

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE  
ACTION MAILED 03/17/2009**

**CASE:** ATLAS 9452 US

**SERIAL NO.:** 10/562,290

**FILED ON:** 06/20/2006

**FOR:** Protease Detection Assay

**Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**EXAMINER: Martin, P.C.  
ART UNIT: 1657**

Dear Sir:

This is a request for an extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2009. Applicant hereby request the Commissioner a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Office Action thereby allowing Applicants until 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 to respond.

Applicants authorize the Commissioner to debit Bell & Associates Deposit Account No. 50-3194 in the sum of \$1,110, being the fee for a (3) three-month extension of time to respond to the instant Communication.

If the Commissioner finds any additional charges or fees must be paid in connection with this communication, they may be paid out of Bell & Associates Deposit Account No. 50-3194.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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One of Agents for Applicant**

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